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Session 1: Word List

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym : stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

birthright

n. a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

synonym : heritage, legacy, inheritance

(1) **birthright** citizenship, (2) claim **birthright**

It was his **birthright** to inherit his father's estate.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly

related to one another.

weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

synonym: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

supersonic

adj. relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)

synonym : hypersonic, ultrasonic, transonic

(1) **supersonic** aircraft, (2) **supersonic** wind tunnel

The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at **supersonic** speeds.

carsick

adj. feeling nauseous or dizzy as a result of being in a moving vehicle

synonym : nauseous, dizzy, queasy

(1) get **carsick** easily, (2) feel **carsick**

The car's motion made her **carsick**, and she had to pull over.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

mismatch

v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

synonym : mismatch, discord, clash

(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks

The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

brisk

adj. lively and energetic

synonym : energetic, lively, fast-moving

(1) **brisk** argument, (2) **brisk** autumn weather

She walked with a **brisk** pace, eager to reach her destination.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym : be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

fingertip

n. the end or tip of a finger

(1) apply **fingertip** pressure, (2) burn my **fingertip**

The archaeologist ran his **fingertips** along the pattern of the

tombstones.

drudgery

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

synonym: tedium, laboriousness, grind

(1) office **drudgery**, (2) daily **drudgery**

The tedious **drudgery** of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

autopilot

n. a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: self-pilot, self-driving, self-navigating

(1) **autopilot** function, (2) aircraft **autopilot**

The airplane was on **autopilot** during the long flight.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

astray

adv. away from the right path or direction

synonym: off course, misdirected, wayward

(1) led **astray** by superstition, (2) gone **astray**

He wandered **astray** from the path and got lost in the forest.

spurt

v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity

or energy

synonym : gush, surge, spew

(1) unexpectedly **spurt**, (2) **spurt** across the table

The water hose suddenly **spurted** out a strong jet of water.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

subside

v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

synonym : decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

derail

v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

synonym :

crash, wreck, thwart

(1) **derail** the recovery, (2) **derail** an argument

The train **derailed** because a cow was standing on the tracks.

gridlock

n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

synonym: traffic jam, standstill, impasse

(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**

The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym: rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

percolate

v. to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

synonym: filter, strain, drip

(1) **percolate** around the web, (2) **percolate** through the whole industry

The coffee slowly **percolated** through the filter and into the cup.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. education pol_____er | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 2. get ca_____k easily | <i>adj.</i> feeling nauseous or dizzy as a result of being in a moving vehicle |
| 3. autistic st_____ng | <i>n.</i> a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation |
| 4. political gr_____ck | <i>n.</i> a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making |
| 5. environmental tr_____ff | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |
| 6. we_____ry development | <i>n.</i> a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country |
| 7. unexpectedly sp__t | <i>v.</i> to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy |

ANSWERS: 1. policymaker, 2. carsick, 3. stimming, 4. gridlock, 5. trade-off, 6. weaponry, 7. spurt

8. daily dr____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
9. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
10. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
11. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
12. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
13. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
14. un____y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
15. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
16. gr____ck situation *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
17. burn my fi_____ip *n.* the end or tip of a finger

ANSWERS: 8. drudgery, 9. widen, 10. multitasking, 11. crunch, 12. multitasking, 13. erode, 14. uneasy, 15. smartphone, 16. gridlock, 17. fingertip

18. de___l an argument *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
19. de___l the recovery *v.* to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally
20. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
21. feel ca____k *adj.* feeling nauseous or dizzy as a result of being in a moving vehicle
22. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
23. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
24. bir_____ht citizenship *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
25. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
26. li___r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 18. derail, 19. derail, 20. stimming, 21. carsick, 22. cram, 23. uneasy, 24. birthright, 25. weaponry, 26. linger

27. sp__t across the table *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
28. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
29. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
30. re___x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
31. su_____e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
32. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
33. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
34. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
35. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
36. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

ANSWERS: 27. spurt, 28. anthropology, 29. reflex, 30. reflex, 31. subside, 32. policymaker, 33. beget, 34. mismatch, 35. reconsider, 36. mismatch

37. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
38. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
39. gone as___y *adv.* away from the right path or direction
40. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
41. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
42. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
43. ou___n competitors *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
44. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
45. led as___y by superstition *adv.* away from the right path or direction
46. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
47. sup_____ic aircraft *adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)

ANSWERS: 37. prehistoric, 38. germ, 39. astray, 40. reclaim, 41. paradoxical, 42. reclaim, 43. outrun, 44. prehistoric, 45. astray, 46. paradoxical, 47. supersonic

48. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
49. ou____n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
50. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
51. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
52. au_____ot function *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
53. pe_____te around the web *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
54. claim bir_____ht *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
55. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
56. office dr_____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 48. empathy, 49. outrun, 50. smartphone, 51. reconsider, 52. autopilot, 53. percolate, 54. birthright, 55. erode, 56. drudgery

57. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
58. br__k autumn weather *adj.* lively and energetic
59. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
60. br__k argument *adj.* lively and energetic
61. su____e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
62. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
63. in____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
64. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
65. li__r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
66. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
67. sup____ic wind tunnel *adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
68. pe____te through the whole industry *v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker

ANSWERS: 57. widen, 58. brisk, 59. germ, 60. brisk, 61. subside, 62. beget, 63. intensify, 64. paradox, 65. linger, 66. empathy, 67. supersonic, 68. percolate

69. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
70. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
71. a gas cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
72. aircraft au_____ot *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
73. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
74. apply fi_____ip pressure *n.* the end or tip of a finger
75. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
76. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 69. cram, 70. anthropology, 71. crunch, 72. autopilot, 73. trade-off, 74. fingertip, 75. paradox, 76. intensify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

2. The water hose suddenly _____ out a strong jet of water.
v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy

3. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

4. The tedious _____ of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.
n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

5. The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to _____ on the highways.
n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

6. The train _____ because a cow was standing on the tracks.
v. to cause a train or tram to run off the tracks accidentally; to run off or leave the rails accidentally

7. She walked with a _____ pace, eager to reach her destination.
adj. lively and energetic

ANSWERS: 1. trade-off, 2. spurted, 3. lingered, 4. drudgery, 5. gridlock, 6. derailed, 7. brisk

8. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
9. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
- adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
10. He wandered _____ from the path and got lost in the forest.
- adv.* away from the right path or direction
11. The coffee slowly _____ through the filter and into the cup.
- v.* to filter through a porous substance or material; to pass through gradually or spread slowly; to rise or pass through a liquid or container, as in a coffee maker
12. The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at _____ speeds.
- adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
13. It was his _____ to inherit his father's estate.
- n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
14. The airplane was on _____ during the long flight.
- n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
15. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.
- n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

ANSWERS: 8. Empathy, 9. paradoxical, 10. astray, 11. percolated, 12. supersonic, 13. birthright, 14. autopilot, 15. reflex

16. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
17. The storm _____ leaving the town in peace.
v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
18. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
19. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
20. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
21. The car's motion made her _____ and she had to pull over.
adj. feeling nauseous or dizzy as a result of being in a moving vehicle
22. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.
n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
23. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

ANSWERS: 16. crunch, 17. subsided, 18. germ, 19. uneasy, 20. anthropology, 21. carsick, 22. weaponry, 23. eroded

24. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
- n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
25. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
26. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.
- v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
27. I'll need to _____ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.
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28. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.
- v. to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
29. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.
- v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
30. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
- v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
31. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
- v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 24. smartphones, 25. paradox, 26. widened, 27. outrun, 28. mismatch, 29. beget, 30. reclaim, 31. intensify

32. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
33. He humbly _____ his conduct.
- v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
34. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.
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36. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
- n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
37. The archaeologist ran his _____ along the pattern of the tombstones.
- n.* the end or tip of a finger
38. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.
- v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 32. Policymakers, 33. reconsidered, 34. prehistorical, 35. stimming, 36. multitasking, 37. fingertips, 38. cram